



Tennis pros take first place in the MeesPierson Golf Challenge on The Links at the Divi

This Monday the final event completing days full of sports action took place on the fairways of The Links at the Divi Resort. The MeesPierson Golf Challenge gave big name professional athletes Ralph Kok, Ronald de Boer and brother Frank and many other renowned Dutch soccer and tennis professionals the opportunity to show off their golf prowess. MeesPierson is a private bank, “the fastest growing banks in the field of Sport Star and Celebrity Money Management,” as described by Erwin de Neef, one of its directors and organizer of the golf tournament. Joining Erwin and the sport superstars on the links was MeesPierson Sport Desk Manager Sieto Jonkers, who, along with Sharon De Boer, wife of Ronald and soccer star Andre Ooijer took third place.

The challenge began at 1pm, and was a four-man scramble. Eight teams of four and two teams of three players made their way twice around the luxurious nine hole course playing the best shot of the four players in an attempt to make par or better. Tennis pro Ralph Kok credits fellow tennis pro and teammate Tom Nijessen, with their win, claiming Tom’s play was “flawless” and setting them well ahead of the rest of the field with a score of sixty-four. Completing their three-man team was Stephen Veldhoven, and they each took home a beautiful decanter trophy, suitable for a fine cognac, or rum, as Tom Nijessen seems to prefer. The only other three-man team in the competition of Ronald de Boer, winner of the Beach Foot/Volley Tournament the day before and the Cohen brothers, Nico and Rob won second place with a score of sixty-seven. They took home trophies and in addition, Ronald won the closet to the pin award. A woman competitor with the name of only Frederique won an elegant Waterman pen for bringing in the longest drive. Since the winning teams consisted of only three players there were first and second place trophies that had not been awarded, and these were given to Dorina van Delft, eleven year old, as the youngest participant, and to Sharon De Boer, for best female player.

Friends, fans, and other non-golf playing soccer pros joined the competitors for a cocktail party and awards ceremony at the Overlook Bar at the Tamarijn all-inclusive resort. Erwin De Neef did the honors with the assistance of Alex Nieuwmeyer, General Manger of Divi Properties in Aruba, and Adam, the Links at the Divi Golf Pro. Everyone declared they thoroughly enjoyed the beautiful fairways and lush greens of The Links, and lingered well after the awards ceremony to enjoy the ambiance of the Overlook Bar, the excellent gourmet snack provided by the Tamarijn culinary crew and the music of the Coco-Loco band while watching a beautiful Aruban sunset.